

Mr. Speaker, Representatives ISTOOK, MCINTOSH, and myself have a bill to stop this taxpayer abuse.

The bill bans grantees from using taxpayer-funded grant money, Mr. Speaker, to lobby the government. Because money is fungible, the bill also places strict limits on the amount of lobbying that grantees can do with their nongrant funds.

To ensure the law is followed, Mr. Speaker, grantees must open their books to audits and submit annual reports to GAO and agencies that award the grants. Most importantly, the bill gives taxpayers the information and the authority they need to root out abuses on their own so they can recover in an appropriate way these grant funds from the government.

Americans need to have confidence that their hard-earned tax dollars are not being wasted. Under this program, their money is not going down a rat hole.

If Americans knew this happened every day, Mr. Speaker, they would be rightly outraged.

We have gathered many, many groups throughout the country who support this legislation, including the Association of Concerned Taxpayers, Citizens for a Sound Economy, the American Family Association, the National Restaurant Association, Americans for Tax Reform, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Federation of Independent Business, the National Association of Wholesaler Distributors, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Beer Wholesalers, Senior Coalition, and the list goes on and on, Mr. Speaker.

There are a lot of people, there are a lot of groups in this country engaged with respect to this issue who understand how important the issue is and support our reform efforts.

Just to conclude with a few remarks, Mr. Speaker, it has been popular to criticize this reform measure as "defunding the left." The left, the right and the center have nothing to do with respect to this particular piece of legislation, whether groups on the right or groups on the center or groups on the left are violating the law, we need to know. I particularly do not care what particular ideological group they happen to fall into. It is unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, that everything is spun and subject to political spin in this town. This is not about ideology, other than, Mr. Speaker, cleaning up this House and the way we conduct business in Washington, DC.

One last point, Mr. Speaker. We seem to have lost the distinction in this country when it comes to nonprofit lobbying efforts between an advocate and the mission of the nonprofit. The purpose, the bottom line with respect to this bill, Mr. Speaker, is to return the primacy of special, of nonprofit groups to their targeted areas, to their missions, to their goals and away, Mr.

Speaker, from going to the public, coming to this town, coming to this floor and asking forevermore additional moneys to fund their advocacy programs.

There is a clear distinction between the two concepts, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of this bill, the bill put forward by Representatives MCINTOSH, ISTOOK, and EHRLICH is to reestablish that dichotomy, that very important distinction between nonprofits who view their essential mission in life to accomplish their goals, to fulfill their missions and other nonprofits who simply seek to expand their ability to gain public dollars.

That should not be their primary mission; being a lobbyist should not be what they are about. That is the bottom line to their reform measure. I have been very pleased to receive the sort of response from our district and from around the country, from the groups I mentioned earlier and from just individual citizens who are very happy to see true nonideological reform efforts take place in this House.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SANDERS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. OLVER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Members (at the request of Mr. EHRLICH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)
Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BROWNBACK, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SANDERS) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. FRAZER.
Mr. LIPINSKI.
Mr. SERRANO.
Mr. TOWNS.
Mr. HAMILTON in three instances.
Mr. LANTOS.
Mr. CLYBURN in three instances.
Ms. NORTON.
Ms. WOOLSEY.
Mr. GORDON.
Mr. MORAN.
Mr. BROWDER.
Mr. THOMPSON.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. EHRLICH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
Mr. MCINNIS.
Mr. TIAHRT.
Mr. PACKARD.
Mrs. MYRICK.
Mr. GILMAN.
Mr. HASTERT.
Mr. HANSEN.
Mr. HORN.
Mr. ARMEY.
Mr. RADANOVICH.
Mr. EVERETT.
Mr. CUNNINGHAM.
Mr. GOODLING.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. EHRLICH. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 20, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1228. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the mid-year monetary policy report, pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

1229. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense articles and services sold commercially to International Maritime Satellite Organization [INMARSAT] (Transmittal No. DTC-50-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

1230. A letter from the Auditor, District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of a report entitled, "The Propriety of the Agreement Between Merrill Lynch and Lazard Freres, Who Served as the District's Financial Advisor," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 47-117(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

1231. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide administrative procedures for the nonjudicial foreclosure of mortgages on properties to satisfy debts owed to the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1232. A letter from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "Annual Report of the Metals Initiative", pursuant to section 8 of the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; to the Committee on Science.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 1655. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1996 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the U.S. Government, the community